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KC POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO SECURITY FRAUD SCHEME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a sergeant in the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department pleaded guilty in federal court today to a \$29,000 fraud scheme involving security services at several apartment complexes.

Robert R. Maize, 45, of Kansas City, Mo., waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this afternoon to a federal information that charges him with wire fraud. **Maize** has been employed with the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department since June 1982, currently at the rank of sergeant.

By pleading guilty today, **Maize** admitted that he charged clients for security services that were not provided. The \$29,099 overpayment illegally received by **Maize** came from federal grant funds that were earmarked for security at apartment complexes on Armour Boulevard in Kansas City, Mo.

“While the dollar loss amount is not large in this case,” Graves said, “it is an unfortunate case because the defendant is a police sergeant who has sworn to uphold the law.”

Graves praised the cooperation of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department. “Kansas City police officers and officials have cooperated fully in this investigation. Their assistance was instrumental to the work of the FBI.

“**Maize’s** criminal offense wasn’t committed during the performance of his official duties,” Graves added, “and so we hope this doesn’t cast a negative light on other law enforcement officers who perform their duties courageously and conscientiously.”

In January 1999, Graves said, **Maize** began providing security services for several Kansas

City apartment complexes, first through Consulting Security Specialists, Inc., and later through Armour Consulting Corporation, Inc. Those firms, owned by **Maize**, utilized off-duty Kansas City police officers.

The apartment complexes included the Bainbridge Apartments at 914 East Armour Boulevard, the Georgian Court Apartments at 400 East Armour Boulevard, and the Linda Vista Apartments at 1301 East Armour Boulevard, which were managed by National United Properties. They were among several apartment complexes on Armour Boulevard between Main Street and The Paseo that formed the Armour Boulevard Neighborhood Task Force (ABNET) to take advantage of federal grant funds.

In September 1999, ABNET began receiving federal funding from the New Approach Anti-Drug Program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which allowed for \$3,000 per month for contracted security services at the apartment complexes.

From September 1999 to December 2001, Graves said, **Maize** caused billings to National United Properties for approximately 743.5 hours of security services which were not actually provided by police officers or other security officers, resulting in overpayment to **Maize's** companies of approximately \$29,099. **Maize** submitted false billings to National United Properties, Graves explained, and National United Properties transmitted billing information to HUD, which would transfer funds to pay **Maize's** companies.

For example, Graves said, **Maize** submitted information in October 2001 resulting in a bill to National United Properties for \$8,000 in security services. **Maize** knew that much of the bill reflected services that had not actually been performed. HUD later wired \$8,000 to an account in the name of Bainbridge Apartments at Bank of America in Kansas City, to permit National United Properties to pay Armour Consulting Corporation for security services.

Under federal law, **Maize** may be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Daniel Stewart. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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